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SUBJECT: SUCCESSOR TO CANADA ON ICCS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2813

1. ASSUME FROM LAST PARA REFTEL THAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT
SOEPARDJO WE SHOULD NOW WAIT FOR GOI IN JAKARTA TO GIVE US
CONFIRMATION OF MALAYSIAN RESPONSE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, ONCE GOI HAS CONVEYED RESPONSE TO US OR
GVN, FOLLOWING STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE ORDER LISTED:

(A) EMBASSY SAIGON SEEK GVN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT

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US-GVN DEMARCHE TO GOM IN KUALA LUMPUR IN WHICH REFERENCE

WOULD BE MADE TO GOM REPLY TO INDONESIAN SOUNDINGS, APPRECIATION EXPRESSED FOR MALAYSIAN RESPONSIVENESS, QUESTION POSED WHETHER NUMBER OF PERSONNEL COULD BE INCREASED AND, IF NOT, EXPLANATION GIVEN THAT RANGE OF 50-60 UNFORTUNATELY TOO SMALL.

(B) EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD CARRY OUT DEMARCHE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE JOINTLY WITH GVN REPRESENTATIVE.

(C) IF MALAYSIANS DO NOT OFFER LARGER CONTINGENT, EMBASSY SAIGON SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ENGAGE GVN IN THOROUGH BILATERAL REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES. SINCE

FONMIN HAS BEEN SCATTERING HIS SHOTS, CHARGE SHOULD DISCUSS SITUATION WITH PRESIDENT THIEU STRESSING NEED FOR UTMOST RESTRAINT AND DISCRETION SO AS NOT TO ALIENATE OTHER POTENTIAL CANDIDATES BY LETTING IT BECOME KNOWN THEY WERE APPROACHED ONLY AFTER JAPAN, MALAYSIA, UK, FRANCE, ETC. HAD TURNED THE JOB DOWN.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF PAST EXPERIENCE, BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACHIEVE FIRM MEETING OF MINDS WITH GVN BEFORE AGAIN ENGAGING IN FOUR-PARTY CONSULTATIONS WITH INDONESIANS AND CANADIANS. ROGERS

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